

THE THINKERS

AN EVIL UNDER THE SUN.

Testimony that Congressional Candidates are Influencing Nominations by Paying Railroad Fare of Delegates—Public Opinion Should Stop it.

I have attended three strenuous Congressional Conventions this year, and if the charges are true Democrats are stooping to conquer. I do not believe that it would be difficult to prove that the ways of delegates to Monroe, to Hendersonville and to Fayetteville had been paid by candidates. If the reports be correct, and I have reason to believe that they are, the candidates who paid the money and the delegates who accepted it should be singled out and remembered. That is a kind of corruption and no decent man should be guilty of it. What are we coming to? How can the Democratic party command the respect of the people if such methods are tolerated? I asked a man during the Monroe convention if he could not unite the forces of his county and make a nomination. His answer was: "No. Two-thirds of the delegates from any county are here at the expense of a certain candidate and they can't afford to change as long as he is in the race." What kind of Democracy do you call that? The delegate who goes to a convention under such conditions is not much of a man. There is danger in the practice of such methods. It will soon be so that a poor man, though he be worthy, cannot get a nomination.—H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.

Union County has a man, a clean man who, we believe, does not stoop to modern dirty methods in politics. He would make a good Congressman. In conversation with a leading attorney of Monroe on the first morning of the convention the writer suggested that it might be practical to put him up and secure his nomination after the contest had reached a certain stage. The attorney replied that there was no earthly chance for such a candidate, that probably a large per cent of delegates had been furnished tickets to come there and work for their respective candidates. We are surprised, astonished, disgusted! Has it come to pass that men no longer rule in politics? Must a man have a big bank account and buy honors (?) that were once conferred by the votes of free and independent men? If a man goes to a convention and has his way paid by a candidate, is he a delegate representing his constituents or does he belong to the candidate who pays the freight? It does seem that we have almost come to the time when it is useless for a man to have any political aspirations for an important office unless he has as much money to spend as the salary of the office is worth.—Marshville Home.

Five rural libraries have been established in Scotland county.

Party Organs Out of Date.

Whether the remarkable relaxation of partisan lines within recent years has given an impetus to independent journalism or whether independent journalism has overthrown political bigotry, it is certain that the day of the thick and thin party organ has passed. It is no longer regarded by intelligent readers with any degree of interest or confidence. What the readers of newspapers desire is the truth in the statement of current events and opinions which are unbiased by narrow prejudices. The popularity and the potentiality of the independent newspaper is merely a token of the expanding reason of the people.—Kansas City Star.

"Ignorance is No Remedy for Anything."

There seems to be a disposition among the Democratic voters of Eastern North Carolina to withdraw white support from negro schools. They say, let the taxes which each race pays into the public school fund be expended toward the education of its own children. It might as well be confessed that much of the many thousands of dollars which the white people of the State have spent for the education of the negro has been literally wasted. Yet we do not look for any change to be made in the law regarding the distribution of the public school fund. The black man is no longer a menacing factor in politics, and the leaders of public sentiment in North Carolina were never in so serious and thoughtful a mood toward him as they are to-day. They will deal with him in the light of their intelligence; he will be helped to character and usefulness. He can not be sent away—the white people of North Carolina do not want him sent away. Therefore, he will have to be educated, and the great Anglo-Saxon race, with its traditional culture, is generous enough to help in the work. The theory that the negro should remain in this State and uneducated is monstrous. Ignorance is no remedy for anything.—Sanford Express.

The Southern Railway, Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk & Western have made a rate of one fare and fifty cent coupon admission to Fair grounds for the Raleigh State Fair. Tickets to be sold October 25th to 30th, inclusive, final limit November 3rd.

A company has bought 80,000 acres of land in Hyde County, and will start a cattle ranch.

UPSETS ALL PREDICTIONS.

J. F. Hughes was a candidate for County Treasurer at Du Pont, Ga., but it was predicted that he could not live six months. He was afflicted with a running abscess on his lung and suffered for three years; his life trembled in the balance when he heard of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. He tried it and was finally cured and thus upset the predictions of all who knew him. It's positively guaranteed for Throat and Lung trouble by all druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Several car-loads of peach seeds will go from Alexander County to different nurseries this year. Seed from the Alexander peaches are sought after by all the nurserymen in the country.—Taylorsville Scout.

Dr. Jno. F. Foard, Statesville, N. C., wishes to get a copy of his pamphlet, "North America and Africa," published by J. J. Bruner, of Salisbury, about 1876. The Doctor will be glad to hear from any Progressive Farmer reader having a copy.

An argument for good roads has been made by an engineer, who says that the cost of moving one ton by horse power over one mile of dry sandy road is 62 cents; over wet sand, 32 cents; over ruts and mud, 39 cents; over broken stone and ruts, 26 cents; over an earth road that is dry and hard, 18 cents; over a broken stone road in good condition, 8 cents; over a compact gravel road, 8.8 cents; over stone paving, 5.33 cents; over asphalt, 2.7 cents. It is argued that many millions of dollars would be saved and many tons of merchandise would be available in the markets, if the roads were such that transportation by wagon would cost not more than five cents a mile.

I see several subscribers failed to get publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. I will give a short cut to get them, some of which are quite full of information. Send a request to the Secretary of Agriculture that your name be placed on mailing list for "Monthly List of Publications." This you will receive regularly the forepart of month, giving list published the previous month; it also gives the different classes of publications and the ways to get them. Select those of interest to you and make your request promptly to the proper place as directed, and unless the edition is exhausted you will receive what you applied for promptly; at least such has been my experience.—S. A. Hindman, Fisher, Pa.

BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c. at all druggists.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

THE BEST PLACE TO BUY WIRE FENCING.

The Page Woven Wire Fence Co., of Adrian, Michigan, sent us the first woven wire fence advertisement that ever appeared in our columns, and it has been running continuously for years, and more than that, we do not remember the instance where the same advertisement was ever run the second time. This shows that they have paid close attention to their advertising, and to their business.

Their fences must have merit, or they would have been out of business long since, because it is not in the course of business to continue increasing the sales of an article year after year, as this company has, unless the product has merit to start with and then is kept right up all the time, no matter how much it has been advertised.

In a recent letter they say:

"We were never so well equipped as at present to furnish Page Fences. Having our own steel, rod and wire mills, and having very largely increased our weaving capacity; with about 1,400 employees on our pay roll, converting the iron into high-carbon steel, the steel into ingots, blooms, billets, rods and wire, and with double the number of looms that we had January 1, 1900, we feel that we are in pretty good shape to supply the demand for 1903.

"We make a standard style of fencing for every farm, poultry, stock or railroad requirements; use double-strength horizontal wires in all these styles, coil or spiral every one of them from end to end the whole length of the fence, and Page-Wire will retain this coil shape even after it has been drawn out straight a thousand times.

"No locks, staples or other devices are used to hold the horizontals and cross-bars together, because Page Fence is a real woven wire fence.

"No, our fences are not perfect, but we are trying to improve them in every way that we know of, and that our farmer customers suggest.

"Yes, there are other pretty good wire fences, but we believe that it is generally acknowledged that the closer they come to imitating the Page, the better they are."

The North Carolina Agricultural Society will hold its 42nd

State Fair

AT RALEIGH, OCT. 27 TO NOV. 1.

By the donation of \$1,500 from State Agricultural Department to be awarded to best Farm Products, Field Crop, Live Stock and Horticulture, the Society is able to offer nearly \$8,000 in Premiums. This is the most liberal Premium List ever presented to our people. Send for it, and full information.

Great display of the Fruits of the State, surpassing anything heretofore shown under Secretary T. K. Bruner. Finest Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine. Beautiful Exhibit of Poultry. Trials of Speed by the finest Southern Horses. The Midway will contain many interesting exhibitions, but positively nothing offensive. Low rates on railroad. All are invited to Exhibit free entry charges. Come and carry off premium. Address the Secretary, Raleigh, N. C., for particulars.

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